

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 4 (currently cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended)

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A process for the preparation of spherical agglomerates of ~~claim 1~~ telithromycin crystals, comprising preparing a suspension of telithromycin crystals, and coating the crystals with a phase which is insoluble in telithromycin from which telithromycin progressively crystallizes.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

The process of claim 5, wherein a solution of telithromycin in acetone is used.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

The process of claim 5, wherein the crystallization takes place in an acetone/isopropyl mixture.

Claim 8 (currently amended)

The process of claim 5, where the crystallization is carried out between -5°C and -15°C.

Claims 9 to 13 (previously cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently cancelled)

Claim 15 (currently amended)

A method of treating bacterial infections in humans comprising administering to humans in need thereof an antibactericidally effective amount of a compounds of ~~claim 10~~ spherical agglomerate of telithromycin crystals surrounded by a layer of at least one polymer.